HUMOROUS STORIES



The following titles are found in the **J Fiction** area. Series titles are in *italics*. Recommended grade levels are noted.

- Avi **NEVER MIND** (2004) Twins Meg and Edward have nothing in common, so they are shocked when Meg's hopes for popularity and Edward's schemes create a hilarious showdown. (5th-7th)
- Barnett, M. **THE CASE OF THE CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY** (2009) (*Brixton Brothers*) Steve Brixton, is mistaken for a real detective as he seeks a quilt with coded information. (4th-6th)
- Benton, J. LET'S PRETEND THIS NEVER HAPPENED (2004) (*Dear Dumb Diary*) In her diary, Jamie Kelly describes her life, including her attempts to triumph over her nemesis. (3rd-5th)
- Blume, J. **SUPERFUDGE** (1980) (*Fudge Books*) Peter describes his life with his adventurous and unpredictable younger brother, known as Fudge. (3rd-5th)
- Bruel, N. **BAD KITTY GETS A BATH** (2008) (*Bad Kitty*) A funny look at how cats bathe, why it is inappropriate for humans to bathe that way, and the trouble with giving cats a real bath. (2nd-5th)
- Cleary, B. **RAMONA THE BRAVE** (1975)(*Ramona Quimby*) Six-year-old Ramona tries to cope with first grade and an unsympathetic first grade teacher. (3rd-5th)
- Cowell, C. **HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON** (2004) (*Heroic Misadventures of Hiccup...*) The adventures of Hiccup as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan. (3rd-6th)
- Erickson, J. **HANK THE COWDOG** (2003) (*Hank the Cowdog*) Hank the Cowdog, Head of Ranch Security, is framed for the murder of a chicken, turns outlaw and joins the covotes. (2nd-4th)
- Fields, B. **LUNCHBOX AND THE ALIENS** (2006) Lunchbox is an ordinary basset hound until he is abducted by aliens, zapped by a mental enhancer, and sent back to convert Earth's garbage into food--a task that would be easier if he had opposable thumbs, or at least tentacles. (3rd-6th)
- Fitzgerald, J. **THE GREAT BRAIN** (1967) (*Great Brain Books*) J.D. describes the exploits of his older brother, Tom, who schemes for fame and fortune. (4th-8th)
- Gifford, P. MOXY MAXELL DOES NOT LOVE STUART LITTLE (2007) (Moxy Maxwell Books) With summer coming to an end, about-to-be-fourth-grader Moxy Maxwell does a hundred different things to avoid reading her assigned summer reading book. (4th-6th)
- Gutman, D. **MISS DAISY IS CRAZY** (2004) (*My Weird School*) Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J. (3rd-5th)
- Healy, C. THE HERO'S GUIDE TO SAVING YOUR KINGDOM (2012) (League of Princes) The four princes erroneously dubbed Prince Charming and rudely marginalized in their respective fairy tales form an unlikely team when a witch threatens the whole kingdom.
- Horvath, P. **THE PEPINS AND THEIR PROBLEMS** (2004) Help solve the Pepin family's unusual problems, which include having a cow who creates lemonade rather than milk. (3rd-5th)

- Jenkins, J. **WE CAN'T ALL BE RATTLESNAKES** (2009) When Crusher the snake is captured, her only thought is to escape, but as time goes by and she befriends the other inmates of the "zoo," she realizes that freedom also means leaving companions behind. (4th-6th)
- Klise K. **DYING TO MEET YOU** (2009) (43 Old Cemetary Road) Author I. B. Grumply gets more than he bargained for when he rents a quiet place to write for the summer. (3rd-6th)
- Korman, G. **UNGIFTED** (2012) When a prank destroys the school gym Donovan knows he's in for it when his name gets put on the list for the local school for gifted students. (5th-8th)
- McMullan, K. **HAVE A HOT TIME HADES** (2002) (*Myth-o-mania*) A modern spin on the Greek myth of how Zeus became the Ruler of the Universe, as told by Hades. (3rd-6th)
- Naylor, P. **BOYS START THE WAR** (1993) (*Hatfords and Malloys*) Disgusted that a family with girls moves into the house nearby, a family of boys declares a practical joke war on the girls. (3rd-6th)
- Patterson, J. **MIDDLE SCHOOL, THE WORST YEARS OF MY LIFE** (2011) (*Middle School*) Rafe enters middle school and tries to break every rule in the school's code of conduct. (4th-8th)
- Paulsen, G. MOLLY MCGINTY HAS A REALLY GOOD DAY (2004) When super organized Molly loses the notebook she relies on to keep her life in order, she spends the day in chaos. (3rd-6th)
- Peirce, L. **BIG NATE FROM THE TOP** (2009) (*Big Nate*) Self-proclaimed genius Nate blazes a haphazard trail through the sixth grade at P.S. 38. (2nd-4th)
- Pilkey, D. **THE ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS** (1997) (*Captain Underpants*) George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking he's a superhero, and he leads them to the evil Dr. Diaper. (2nd-5th)
- Pullman, P. **THE SCARECROW AND HIS SERVANT** (2005) A scarecrow and his boy servant, Jack, set off on a dangerous adventure as they try to outwit the crooked Buffaloni family. (4th-7th)
- Sachar, L. **THERE'S A BOY IN THE GIRLS BATHROOM** (1987) An unmanageable misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor, who is a misfit too. (4th-7th)
- Savage, J.S. **CASE FILE 13, ZOMBIE KID** (2013) (*Case File 13*) The Halloween plans of monster enthusiasts Nick, Carter, and Angelo are thrown into turmoil when a magical amulet turns Nick into a zombie and prompts an uproarious effort to break the curse. (4th-7th)
- Silberberg, A. **POND SCUM** (2005) The life of a boy who tortures bugs takes a turn when his family moves to a house protected by animals from a nearby pond who don't want them living there. (4th-6th)
- Sonnenbleck, J. **DODGER AND ME** (2008) Willy Ryan's life suddenly becomes a lot more interesting when he finds Dodger, a furry, blue chimpanzee that only he can see. (4th-6th)
- Stauffacher, S. **DONUTHEAD** (2003) Donuthead, a fifth-grader obsessed with hygiene, finds an unlikely friend and protector in Sarah, the tough new student who lives in a dirty trailer. (3rd-5th)
- Van Draanen, W. **MEET THE GECKO** (*Shredderman*) (2005) Nolan, alias Shredderman, sets out to help the young star of his favorite television show expose a slanderous reporter. (3rd-5th)
- Young, S. **WINCHELL MINK: the misadventure begins** (2004) When a bullied boy is transformed into his pet turtle, he finds himself catapulted on a series of bizarre adventures. (3rd-5th)